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THE DEADLINE FOR
TEMPLE TOPICS IS
THE
SECOND SUNDAY OF
EACH MONTH!

Sympathy

We send condolences to...

- **The Laufer Family**, on the loss of their wife and mother, Karen Greenberg
- **Debra Herschenfeld**, on the loss of her mother, Joyce Teitell Reiser
- **Joanne Specter**, on the loss of her husband, Marvin Specter
- **Richard and Roy Markell**, on the loss of their wife and mother, Maxine Markell
- **Lynn Halpern**, on the loss of her husband, Jonathan Halpern
- **Susan Daron**, on the loss of her grandmother, Angela Luedke

"May their souls be bound up in the eternal bond"

Mazal Tov

We congratulate congregants on their good news...

- **Zachary Berenbaum**, for being called to the Torah as a bar mitzvah this month. *See his bio on p. 9.*
- **Temple Israel's 4th, 5th and 6th graders** winning the 2019 basketball championship.
- The following New Rochelle Science Research students won awards and "Best in..." at WESEF 2019 (Westchester Science & Engineering Fair) this year: **Jack Schlamkowitz**-NASA Earth Science Award, **Jonny Ecker**-Office of Naval Research Award, **Aaron Cohen**-4th Place for Physics & Astronomy, **Jake Egelberg**-3rd Place for Cellular & Molecular Biology and **Josh Berenbaum**- 2nd Place in Behavioral Sciences.
- **Jessica Schlamkowitz**, for emerging as one of the top under-19 mogul skiers, finishing with a ranking of 22nd in the country at the U.S. Freestyle Championships in New Hampshire.

Send your good news and achievements to OriettaSchneider@tinr.org.

From the President

Spring has sprung! The crocuses are welcoming us into the next season. We'll soon be ridding our homes of *chametz* and filling them with the scents of matzoh ball soup and horseradish. We'll celebrate Passover, a festival of freedom and renewal, this month. It gives us a chance to not only be grateful for the freedoms we often take for granted, but also to recognize the importance of giving to the community that affords us those freedoms.

Once you've finished your Pesach leftovers, it will be time to celebrate Temple Israel of New Rochelle at our

Annual Gala on Saturday May 11th. This year's theme is 'A Celebration of Giving.' Jim and I could not be more humbled to be among honorees that are each known for their extraordinary contributions to the community. Bill Handelman is this year's recipient of the Founders Award. Bill grew up at Temple Israel of New Rochelle and has been a long time honorary trustee of our board. Bill often has the last word at any contentious board discussion, that is, the wisest word of the evening. He is selfless - his considered opinions always guide the board to come to conclusions that are beneficial to the entire community. His counsel is well known to many other boards of not-for-profit organizations about which he is passionate.

As president I'm proud to name the Social Action Committee Co-Chairs as recipients of this year's

President's Award. Deborah Blatt, Amy Ecker, and Mia Egelberg are a power team of leaders deeply committed to social justice and community action. The committee keeps Temple Israel on the map of congregations that are actively involved in contributing to the greater community through creative programming such as the Giving Tree, Mitzvah Day, and the Giving Corner.

Please join the fun as we celebrate Temple Israel together on Saturday May 11th. Whether or not you are able to join us that evening, *please contribute to the journal by visiting www.tinr.org/Gala2019*. The success of the gala, our largest annual fundraiser, is essential to the financial health of the congregation. Bring your dancing shoes, there is a great band (with a substitute drummer - allowing Jim to hit the dance floor with the rest of us!).



Board of Trustees Minutes

Cantor Schloss shared a word of Torah. He explained that there are two different naming conventions for the books of Torah. Leviticus is named to reflect the content of the text-the Levites. The other name for this book is the Hebrew name, determined by the first important word in the text of the book, "Vayikra" or "God called." Cantor Schloss asked The Board to consider what called them to serve as leaders of the congregation and to consider how Moses may have felt when "called by God" to serve the Jewish people.

As Director of Congregational Learning, Rabbi Nichols announced that the Teen

Engagement Committee met and has worked on ways to engage teens in more meaningful ways and to re-engage teens who have not recently participated in Temple Israel events.

Treasurer Adam Egelberg presented a summary of the financials using the new dashboard.

Executive Director, Anita Aronoff, reported on 20 new pledge commitments since last month. Along with Ellen Egan, Anita continues to reach out to the remaining members who have yet to make their pledge commitments for the year.

President Liz Weingast reported that the Westchester Jewish Council will be honoring David Itzkowitz at its upcoming annual gala.

On behalf of the Kehillah Committee, Marjorie Ostrove reported that Kehillah is fully staffed; an assistant director, Melissa dePaz, has been hired.

The Bright Horizons contract is being re-negotiated with extensive help from Ethan Miller & Todd Brecher.

Warren Agatston's Oral History Project Committee is conducting interviews of long-time TINR members. Interviews have already begun, and Warren is seeking additional members to join in the interviewing process.

Camp Pinebrook Director, Rabbi Jesse Gallop reported on the success of the recent Presidents' Week Camp that yielded several summer camp contracts. Rabbi Jesse has hired two Israeli camp counselors both of whom will need housing for the summer.

Rebecca Elkus-Ferst reported on her recent trip to Israel. She spent time at the border and in East Jerusalem, speaking with Palestinians.

Mara Roberge reported that this will be her tenth year running Shabbat HaKavod

which is scheduled for March 29th.

Todd Brecher and Robert Hirsch are working to create additional adult educational opportunities for TINR members. They are working with the organization Hadar to develop a program that is non-clergy based; we will pick from 30 courses that include videos and texts, and you meet in coffee shops or homes of participants.

Mitchell Benson reported that Beth El's Israel Action committee reached out to us to cooperate on an event addressing the rise in anti-semitic and anti-Israel language.

On behalf of the the music committee, Cantor Schloss reported on the success of the concert which raised over \$10 thousand.

Happy Birthday to Leroy Fadem who recently turned 98!

Temple Israel is Grateful

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In memory of Ellen Egan's father, Daniel Hodas
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Ira & Andrea Lippel
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Leroy Fadem, in memory of Norman Menken
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Scott & Melissa Krochek, in memory of Shirley Barkan
Karen & Eric Nodiff, in memory of Richard Marx's mother, Emily; in memory of Leah Levenson's father, Norman Menken; in honor of David Itzkowitz's WJC Julian Y. Bernstein Award for Distinguished Service
Bonnie & Donald Rosenfeld, in memory of Jonathan Halpern; in honor of Gordon & Rona Perkel's new granddaughter, Brooklyn
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SENIOR RABBI WEINER'S DISCRETIONARY FUND
The Herschenfeld/Reiser Family in memory of Joyce Teitell Reiser
Frank Axel, in memory of the Yahrzeit of his father, Rodolphe Axel

RABBI NICHOLS' DISCRETIONARY FUND
Herb Smith & Sharon Blinkoff, in memory of Roy Markell's mother, Maxine
Edward Pinals & Susan Germaine, in memory of Arthur Plummer
The Herschenfeld/Reiser Family in memory of Joyce Teitell Reiser

CANTOR SCHLOSS' DISCRETIONARY FUND
The Herschenfeld/Reiser Family in memory of Joyce Teitell Reiser

ASL INTERPRETING FUND
Howard & Beverly Hoffmann, in honor of the engagement of Dan Hoffmann to Chelsea Shapiro

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Orietta Schneider, in memory of Ellen Egan's father, Daniel Hodas

CHAVAYA PROGRAM FUND
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Richard & Rachel Relkin, in honor of Adam's Bar Mitzvah
Lou Arbetter & Yonat Assayag, in honor of Sasha's Bat Mitzvah
Todd & Jacquie Brecher, in honor of Samara's Bat Mitzvah
Jeffrey & Greta Berenbaum, in honor of Josh's Bar Mitzvah
Adrienne Waterston, in honor of Micaela's Bat Mitzvah
Phyllis Feingold, in honor of Kallie's Bat Mitzvah

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KEHILLAH SCHOOL FUND
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David & Ronnie Parker, in memory of Bertram Weiss
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Toni & Alan Hoffman, in memory of Ellen Egan's father, Daniel Hodas; in memory of Norman Menken
Judith Osten, in memory of Dorothy Adler
Howard & Beverly Hoffmann, in memory of Ellen Egan's father, Daniel Hodas; in memory of Rabbi Emeritus Amiel Wohl
Hank & Joan Goldsmith, in memory of Debra Herschenfeld's mother, Joyce Teitell Reiser

YOUTH INVOLVEMENT FUND
Lee & Ellen Meiner, in honor of Ben and Jake Meiner
Michael & Michelle Klein, in appreciation for the Purim packages



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David & Penny Klein, Passover Festival Lunch in honor of **Rabbi Amiel & Ivy Wohl** "our beloved Rabbi and his wife"
Frank & Barbara Axel, Community Shabbat (Bar), in gratitude
Adam & Susan Sobel, Community Shabbat (Bar), in honor of Susan's 70th birthday

Dear **Generous Supporters**,

Due to a banking change, from now on all checks need to be made out to **Temple Israel of New Rochelle**. This includes: Brotherhood, Sisterhood, TIFTY and the Clergy Discretionary Funds.

Please put those, or any fund name, in the memo line.

Thank you.

Rabbi's Note

Dear *chevrei* (friends),

The year I lived in Jerusalem I attended a seder led by my Israeli great-uncle. After dinner, when we returned to the *haggadah*, we turned to the page for Elijah's cup and Uncle Menachem said, "Let's skip this. We did it last year." I will admit, I was a bit shocked. After all, the word seder comes from the root meaning "order," and we are meant to complete the seder in the same order every year.

While my uncle might be at one extreme in his willingness to skip steps of the seder all together, some of us tend to get stuck at the other extreme: completing each step of the seder in exactly the same way every year; feeling that Passover cannot happen without a very specific set of people, recipes and melodies. I believe that somewhere

between these two extremes can be found this year's ideal Passover seders.

What the ideal seder will look like is up to you, and will necessarily vary from house to house, table to table. Think about the four children in the Haggadah. The very purpose of this text describing children as, "the wise, the wicked, the simple and the one who does not know how to ask," is to demonstrate that an ideal telling of the Passover story requires knowing who the listener is. Although the Haggadah uses rather harsh language to describe the four children, we can substitute these descriptions with a whole host of other characteristics to describe the guests sitting at our seder tables: they vary by age, interest level, upbringing, life experience, etc. Each part of their identity influences how they hear, understand and experience a Passover seder.

The rabbis teach us, "In every generation one is obligated to see oneself as one who personally went out from Egypt." To fulfill this challenging mandate, the seder needs to help us engage with the story and rituals of this holiday. With this in mind, we

are reflecting on the Second Night Seder we hold here at Temple Israel. What can we add to our seder experience that will allow both adults and children to connect with the story? How can we help individuals relate the experience in Egypt to their lives today?

As we work to plan the seders and other Passover activities taking place here, we encourage you to examine the seders you hold at your own homes. Seders are supposed to include the same 15 steps of the seder each year, but what those steps look like is up to you. Perhaps consider how you might deepen the meaning of the seder for the adults at your table, explain the steps of the seder to new guests or spark the creativity of your younger guests.

We cannot wait to hear about your seder experiences.

Chag Sameach,

Rabbi Nichols
Rabbi and Director of
Congregational Learning

NEW Adult Ed



WWW.PROJECTZUG.ORG

Project Zug (www.projectzug.org) seeks to connect Jews across the world with each other - and with Jewish tradition - through weekly small group (havruta) learning.

- Provides highest-quality content from esteemed Rabbis and educators through curated study sheets and videos on a wide variety of topics
- Connects Israelis, Americans, and Jews around the world, secular and religious, to bridge gaps in the Jewish world
- Offers a low per-person cost that builds real relationships through substance

Project Zug/TINR Pilot Project

- We will form "chavruta"-small groups (3-5 people) which will meet at times/locations agreed by the group (e.g. homes, Starbucks, etc). Like a "Book Club" for Jewish education!

- Each group will choose one 10-unit course; each course includes a study sheet with questions, designed to be learned/discussed in 30-45 minutes, and 4 short videos of the instructor offering background and framing for learning.
- Suggested fee: \$36-72, you decide what to pay within that range
- The content is designed to build relationships, not simply a broadcast of information
- There will be a project kickoff at TINR in mid-April with a Project Zug instructor to help us understand how to engage in this style of learning.

For information on course options, visit www.tinr.org/events.

Contact Todd Brecher if interested: toddsb@gmail.com, 914-803-2785

The Tamid Society



LEAVE A LEGACY TO THE TEMPLE

Please consider

joining with those who have pledged a legacy to the Temple by joining the Tamid Society. There is no minimum gift required. You will simply reap the satisfaction of providing the Temple with a gift to help ensure all the benefits you have enjoyed will be passed on to future generations. All it takes is a provision in your will to remember the Temple.

The following Temple members have made such a pledge. New members will be listed in future issues of Temple Topics.

Janice & Warren Agatston
Barbara & Frank Axel
Bernice Braun (estate)
Leroy Fadem
Evelyn Jacobs (estate)
Lilly Kaplan (estate)
Carol & Arthur Ostrove
Carole & Mitchell Ostrove
Lloyd Robinson
Amy Sincoff (estate)
Mady & Jeffrey Stier
Ilissa & Paul Warhit

For any questions or more information, please contact Anita Aronoff at the Temple office by calling (914) 235-1800 or email AnitaAronoff@tinr.org

Temple Israel thanks you!



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April Calendar

Mon 4/1 Temple Trip to Poland & Hungary (ARZA) (April 1 - 10)
Social Action Committee April Drive: It's a Baby Shower!
See p. 13 for details.
10:45 AM STARS (Seniors Together at Retirement).
Check www.tinr.org for activities.

Tue 4/2 3:30 PM Kol Simcha
4:00 PM Chavaya
6:30 PM Chavaya High School

Thu 4/4 3:45 PM Torah Corps
4:00 PM Chavaya

Fri 4/5 10:30 PM Kehillah School Shabbat
6:00 PM Community Shabbat Evening Service,
following by dinner. *See p. 14 for details.*

Sat 4/6 **Shabbat HaChodesh | Parashat Tazria**
Rosh Chodesh Nisan
9:00 AM Shabbat Morning Service/Torah Study
7:00 PM Club 56 and Kadimah Event
7:30 PM Comedy Night Sisterhood Fundraiser
See p. 15 for details.

Sun 4/7 9:30 AM Chavaya

Mon 4/8 Temple Israel members lobbying in Albany
(Todd Brecher, co-ordinator). *See p. 11 for details.*
10:45 AM STARS (Seniors Together at Retirement).
Check www.tinr.org for activities.

Tue 4/9 3:30 PM Kol Simcha
4:00 PM Chavaya
6:30 PM Chavaya High School
8:00 PM TIFTY Sandwich Brigade. *See p. 9 for details.*

Wed 4/10 11:30 AM Food for Thought. *See p. 15 for details.*
6:00 PM TIFTY Monthly Meeting
7:30 PM Board of Trustees Meeting

Thu 4/11 3:45 PM Torah Corps
4:00 PM Chavaya
5:30 PM 6th Grade B'nei Mitzvah Program

Fri 4/12 NFTY Spring Kallah until Sunday, 4/14
9:00 AM Talmud Class
5:30 PM Kehillah School Shabbat/Tot Seder
7:30 PM Shabbat Evening Service

Sat 4/13 **Shabbat HaGadol | Parashat Metzora**
9:00 AM Torah Study
10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service
Bar Mitzvah Zachary Berenbaum

Sun 4/14 Chavaya Closed
May Temple Topics Deadline

Mon 4/15 10:45 AM STARS (Seniors Together at Retirement).
Check www.tinr.org for activities.

Tue 4/16 Chavaya Closed

Thu 4/18 Chavaya Closed

Fri 4/19 **Temple Office & Kehillah School Closed (Passover)**
No Talmud Class
No Service Tonight

Sat 4/20 **Pesach I - First Day of Passover**
10:30 AM Pesach Morning Service
6:00 PM Congregational Second Night Passover Seder.

Sun 4/21 **Pesach II**
Chavaya Closed

Mon 4/22 **Pesach III**
10:45 AM STARS (Seniors Together at Retirement).
Check www.tinr.org for activities.

Tue 4/23 **Pesach IV**
3:30 PM Kol Simcha
4:00 PM Chavaya
6:30 PM Chavaya High School/Moving Traditions

Wed 4/24 **Pesach V**
7:00 PM TIFTY Passover Fun (at Rabbi Nichols' house).
Questions? Contact Rabbi Nichols at RabbiNichols@tinr.org
7:30 PM Brotherhood Schmooze & Booze

Thu 4/25 **Pesach VI**
3:45 PM Torah Corps
4:00 PM Chavaya

Fri 4/26 **Pesach VII**
Temple Office Closed, Kehillah School Open
Last Day of Passover
No Talmud Class
8:00 AM Kehillah End of Passover Family Service
10:30 AM Passover Service With Yizkor followed by
Passover Festival Lunch
6:00 PM Kol Shabbat Evening Service followed by a
Pasta & Pizza Dinner. *See p. 16 for details.*

Sat 4/27 **Pesach VIII**
9:00 AM Shabbat Morning Service/Torah Study

Sun 4/28 9:30 AM Chavaya
9:45 AM Social Action Committee Meeting
10:00 AM Chavaya Information Day for
Eligible K-4th graders

Mon 4/29 10:45 AM STARS (Seniors Together at Retirement).
Check www.tinr.org for activities.

Tue 4/30 3:30 PM Kol Simcha
4:00 PM Chavaya
6:30 PM Chavaya High School
6:30 PM 11th/12th Grade Dinner Out With the Clergy

May

Wed 5/1 Social Action Committee May Drive: Prom Dresses!
More details to follow!
5:30 PM Kehillah Art Show Opening
(showing until Saturday, May 4th)
Save the Date!
6:00 PM TIFTY Monthly Meeting

Thu 5/2 3:45 PM Torah Corps
4:00 PM Chavaya

Passover 2019

Celebrate our Freedom and the Coming of Spring
with Temple Israel of New Rochelle

The Coalition for Mutual Respect Interfaith Seder

Learn About Passover: The Festival of Freedom
Thursday, March 28, 2019 • 6:00 pm
at St. Catherine AME Zion Church
19 Lincoln Avenue, New Rochelle, NY 10801
\$25 per person...and sponsor a youth to attend!

Food for Thought with Cantor Schloss "Passover Songs & Traditions"

Wednesday, April 10, 2019 • 11:30 am
Join Cantor Schloss as we explore the sounds, sights,
smells and tastes of Passover.
We will sing songs, examine many different Haggadot
and even share a recipe or two. Come with your
favorite, unique Passover tradition or recipe!

Kehillah School Shabbat/Tot Seder

Friday, April 12, 2019 • 5:30 pm
Get excited for Passover with a
tot friendly seder experience with
children 6 and under and their
families. Bring friends. Wear your
comfortable "Robes & Sandals" for
roaming through the desert.



Erev Pesach

First Night of Passover

Friday, April 19, 2019 Erev Pesach
Temple Office & Kehillah School Closed
No Shabbat Service

Pesach

First Day/Second Night Passover

Saturday, April 20, 2019

10:30 am Shabbat/Pesach Morning Service
6:00 pm Congregational Second Night
Passover Seder. *RSVP by Friday, April 12*

Last Day of Passover

Friday, April 26

Temple Office CLOSED, Kehillah School OPEN

8:00 am Kehillah School Passover
Family Service
10:30 am Passover Service with Yizkor
followed by Passover Festival Lunch
sponsored in memory of Rabbi Amiel & Ivy Wohl
"our beloved Rabbi and his wife"
6:00 pm Kol Shabbat Evening Service
followed by Pasta and Pizza Dinner

Visit www.tinr.org/Passover2019 to join us for these Passover festivities.

Post-Pesach Food Drive

We are participating in the UJA-Federation New Rochelle Community's Post-Pesach Food Drive. We are collecting food from Monday, April 29 - Thursday, May 2, with pickup on Thursday, May 2. Designated boxes will be placed in the front foyer and Chavaya. The UJA-Federation of New York in Westchester will donate to food pantries at the Bronx Jewish Community Council (BJCC).



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I was recently reminded by a parent that one of the best marketing tools we have are our families. Why doesn't a flyer or website always do the work for us, you ask? While they are tools we utilize when we want to communicate information about our programs, it's the personal stories that truly reflect who we are and why we are the place they choose to educate their children.

When I am introduced to potential Chavaya families who have expressed interest in enrolling their child in our program, I always begin by asking this question:

"How can Temple Israel help your family fulfill its spiritual and educational goals?" If the family has not contemplated the question it's an opportunity for them to think about their own values and how we, as a community, might meet their needs.

Each year we welcome a group of potential members by inviting them to our Chavaya Information Day. Parents and children are given a taste of the community through interacting with our clergy, educators and Chavaya parents. Our parents will share their families' journey through their stories of learning from and with your child at Temple Israel, carving out family time (other than Sunday mornings) and why Temple Israel is the community for your family. Prospective children also have the opportunity to participate in activities with other Chavaya children.

This year's Chavaya Information Day will take place on Sunday, April 28 from 10-11:30am. If you know a family searching for a community and to further their Jewish learning, please invite them to this event.

It is our hope that this day will bring many new faces to the Temple Israel community and when asked the question, "How can Temple Israel help your family fulfill its spiritual and educational goals?" we will be ready to meet them.

L'shalom,
Rebecca Elkus-Ferst
Chavaya Director

Chavaya Information Day

Sunday, April 28th
10 - 11:30 AM

at Temple Israel of New Rochelle

Chavaya is Temple Israel's Religious School Program for Kindergarten - 12th Graders.

Please let us know you'll be joining us by contacting Rebecca Elkus-Ferst, Chavaya Director at relkusferst@tinr.org or (914) 235-1800 x221 by Monday, April 22nd.



Rebecca attending the Qushiyot Education Program in Israel, February 2018





Come make sandwiches for the Hope Soup Kitchen at our **Monthly Sandwich Brigade on Tuesday, April 9, 8-9 p.m.** Right after Chavaya on Tuesday evening we will meet in the kitchen. We have a great time making sandwiches and catching up with each other. *Contact Social Action VP Rachel Gorman-Cooper for more information. Please bring loaves of bread, jelly or non-peanut butters (allergy friendly).*

The TIFTY Executive Board welcomes all TIFTY members to the **TIFTY Monthly Meeting on Wednesday, April 10 at 6 p.m.** This is your chance to have a voice

in shaping Temple Israel's senior youth group. Dinner is served, so please let us know if you are coming so we can have enough food. *Contact Sophie Goldman with questions or RSVPs.*

NFTY-NAR Spring Kallah, Friday-Sunday, April 12-14, Eisner Camp, Great Barrington, MA Spring Kallah promises to be amazing! As always, the weekend will feature creative services, interactive programs, and an enthusiastic leadership team. We are also excited to WELCOME EIGHTH GRADERS to NFTY! *For more details, contact Rabbi Nichols. Registration is open at newyork.nfty.org.*

TIFTY Passover Fun, Wednesday, April 24, 7 pm. Celebrate Passover TIFTY-Style with a relaxing, fun Passover dinner at Rabbi Nichols' house. *RSVP to rabbijnichols@tinr.org.*



Bar Mitzvah



My name is **Zachary Berenbaum** and I will celebrate becoming a Bar Mitzvah on **Saturday, April 13, 2019.**

I will be chanting from *Metzora* in the book of Leviticus. I belong to Temple Israel with my parents, Jeffrey & Greta Berenbaum and my brothers, Ethan and Joshua. I am in the 7th Grade at Albert Leonard Middle School. Outside of school, I love to play baseball on my travel team and draw pictures. For my Mitzvah Project, I am volunteering as a "Buddy" at Miracle League of Westchester, playing baseball with teens who have disabilities. This project is important to me not only because the teens learn to love baseball like I do, but I continue to learn about how to work with individuals who have special needs. I hope to see you at services when I am called to the Torah.



Dear Kehillah and Temple Israel families,

I would like to start by saying thank you for such a great opportunity to join your families as Kehillah's Assistant Director.

I am looking forward to getting acclimated to my new home, teachers, and meeting everyone. Together we will continue to provide an amazing early education experience filled with: hands-on science exploration, language and communication development, social and emotional opportunities that develop confidence

and empathy, and most importantly learning and practicing the Jewish values and traditions that are at the core of the Kehillah Learning Center.

I have been working as an early educator for the last 21 years and have loved and enjoyed every minute. My career started as a pre-k teacher in the city and then, looking for a challenge, I began working with toddlers. Throughout my career I have worked with babies as young as six weeks to adolescents as old as 15. For ten years I was an educational coordinator responsible for supporting and training teachers while also overseeing the center's curriculum. In the last three years I have been the Assistant Director at our Bright Horizons at TimberKidge where, alongside the director, I oversaw: the facility, everyday operations, curriculum, parent partnership relations,

evaluations, planning events, and supporting children and teachers' development.

My first love will always be inside the classroom with your children. Young children help to remind us what is really important: family and love. I am honored and excited to become part of the Kehillah family and look forward to meeting all of you.

Sincerely,

Melissa de Paz
Assistant Director
Kehillah School



The Kehillah Art Show will be on display from **Wednesday, May 1st - Saturday, May 4th** in Forbes. Come and see all the masterpieces from the Kehillah School students!

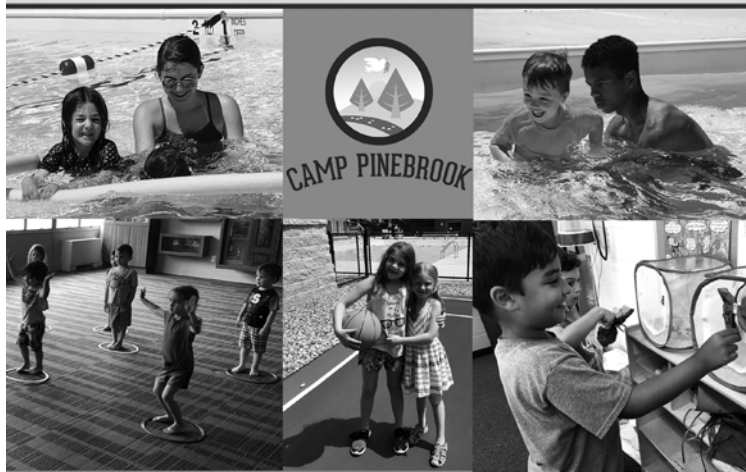


Camp Pinebrook has been busy getting ready for our second summer. One thing we're working on right now is finding the best staff possible.

We're looking for: **high school students aged 16 or older** to be junior counselors or junior lifeguards; **college students** to be counselors, lifeguards, and in certain situations specialists (certifications for all lifeguards should be completed by the end of May); **adult counselors** as specialists to run our fantastic programs.

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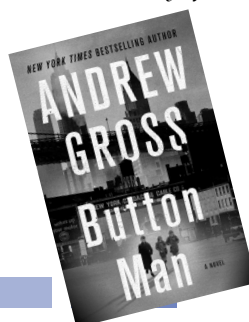


And explore our newest addition to the Haggadot collection:



Passover Haggadah Graphic Novel, by Jordan Gorfinkel and illustrated by Erez Zadoc. Conceived and written by Batman comics creator and cartoonist Gorfinkel, this brand-new, modern translation integrates sophisticated and fun sequential art that brings the epic story to life. The graphic novel pages are presented alongside the unabridged traditional Seder text, in Hebrew and transliteration, accompanied by "how to" instructional cartoons depicting all the rituals. "Pesach is gonna be fun this year!"

Please log on to the library website to reserve these and many more at www.librarycat.org/lib/HandelmanLibraryTINR. The library is always open at Temple Israel. *Stephanie Krasner, the Temple Librarian, is available on Fridays from 10:00 am or email to stephkras11@gmail.com*



The Temple Israel Sisterhood and Library Common Read Event. Author of **Button Man**, Andrew Gross will join us on May 5th to discuss his newest historical thriller, **Button Man**. *More details on p. 16.*

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Contact Cantor Schloss at cantorschloss@tinr.org
or Beverly To at beverlyto@tinr.org
to join or to find out more information.



Temple Israel's Oral History Project - Tell Your Story!

One of the oldest human (and Jewish) traditions is story-telling. Now at Temple Israel, we are starting a project to collect our stories. Temple Israel is a congregation of hundreds of families, each with its own stories. Some of those stories took place in our building, or in the Webster building, or perhaps in one of the even earlier buildings downtown. We are looking

for people who want to share their stories of TINR, and for volunteers to help us collect them. We will be recording interviews with willing subjects at the Temple or another convenient location. The recordings will be archived at the Temple, where they can be viewed. We plan to develop the means for the interviews to be viewed remotely, so that stories can be shared with people who are not nearby.

Each year the Passover Seder reminds Jews everywhere of the power of retelling our people's story. Let this year be the year that we record Temple Israel's story. By remembering and retelling how we got here, we can honor our past and find inspiration for our future. *If you are interested in interviewing, being interviewed, or providing technical support, please contact Warren Agatston (lawwsa@aol.com)/(914) 933-0050) or Stan Konwiser (stankonwiser@gmail.com)/(201) 703-1122).*

A special thank you to Brotherhood and Sisterhood, Todd Pekats, Val Etra, Mitch Benson, and Warren and Janice Agatston for underwriting the cost of the recording equipment for this project!

NEW URJ SUBCOMMITTEE

The Social Action Committee (SAC) is participating in a new social justice initiative of the Religious Action Center of the Union for Reform Judaism (URJ), called RAC-NY. RAC-NY is a locally led network of Reform communities across New York working together to make New York a more merciful and just place. We are being joined in this work by many of our neighbor Reform congregations including Westchester Reform Temple, Larchmont Temple and Kol Ami.

The first initiative of RAC-NY is to help make New York roads safer by supporting passage by the state legislature of the "Green Light Bill," which would allow undocumented immigrants to obtain driver's licenses. As many immigrants must drive to get to their places of employment, there are currently a very large number of immigrants driving in NY without licenses or insurance. The Green Light Bill would remedy this situation. New York would join 12 other states and the District of Columbia who have passed similar legislation. *For more information on the bill, you can visit <https://greenlightnewyork.org/get-to-know-the-issue/>*

Temple Israel will be joining members of other Reform congregations across the state for a day of action and lobbying in support of this bill in Albany on Monday, April 8. *If you are interested in joining us in Albany, or otherwise participating in RAC-NY, you can contact Todd Brecher at toddsb@gmail.com*

DID YOU KNOW...

The Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism (the RAC) has been the hub of Jewish social justice work for nearly six decades? As a joint instrumentality of the Union for Reform Judaism and the Central Conference of American Rabbis, it represents the values of the largest and most diverse Jewish Movement in North America. The RAC mobilizes around federal, state, and local legislation; supports and develops congregational leaders; and organizes communities to create a world overflowing with justice, compassion, and peace. As part of a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, its work is completely nonpartisan. Visit <https://rac.org/about-rac>

Sisterhood

Comedy Night is coming on April 6th! Sisterhood could not be more excited about our third annual fundraiser. We have an amazing lineup of Temple Israel comics, including Brian Heaps, Mitch Benson, Jennifer Herbst, Debbie Kahn and some short redhead who looks vaguely familiar. This year we will have an open bar and dessert available when doors open at 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$45 in advance and \$50 at the door. A (large) portion of the proceeds will be donated back to Temple Israel. Past projects supported by Comedy Night include replacing the Bima lectern, buying new lobby furniture and funding the Torah restoration project. *Please support us by signing up at www.tinr.org/events and see p. 15 for more details!*



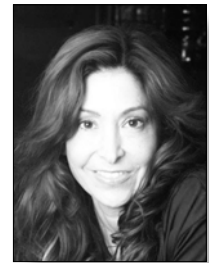
Lauren Pekats
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Sisterhood
Co-President

Sisterhood and the Library Committee will host our second Common Read on Sunday May 5th at 10am. We will be discussing **Button Man**, a novel about the history of the Jewish Mafia in NYC. Author Andrew Gross will be on hand to lead the discussion. Copies of the book (\$18) are available for purchase at the reception desk at Temple Israel. It's a great chance to learn some recent history about the Jewish tough guys (yes, they exist!).

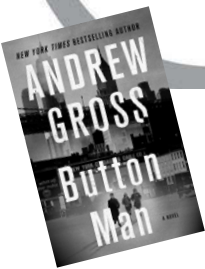
Hope to see you at Comedy Night, the Common Read, and at the Gala on May 11th.

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Lauren & Jackie
Co-Presidents



Jackie Saril
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Co-President



Brotherhood

One of Brotherhood's greatest joys is sponsoring the Purim Carnival. This year we hosted hundreds of smiling children, who had a lot of fun. Watching them on the bouncy rides, at the games taking pictures and eating cotton candy was a lot of fun for us too.

We would like to thank all the volunteers for making the carnival such a terrific event. They are too numerous to mention, a great community effort! We do want, in particular, to show our continued appreciation to Dave Karlin, who always steps up and continues to coordinate all of our efforts! Thank you Dave!

Upcoming events:

- **Brotherhood Booze and Schmooze:** Wednesday, April 24th, 7:30 pm
- **Brotherhood Breakfast "The 43 Thousand Project: Documenting an Entire Lost Jewish Community of Lublin":** Sunday, April 28, 2019 • 9:30 am. *Upcoming details.*
- **Brotherhood Breakfast with Leket Israel**, date tbd
- **Cigars and Cognac**, date tbd
- **Kol Shabbat/Brotherhood & Sisterhood Led Evening Service** followed by dinner: Friday, May 31st, 6:00 pm
- **Brotherhood Golf Outing**, date tbd

Brotherhood can only succeed and do all it does with your participation and support. If you haven't joined Brotherhood yet please do so and/or consider making a contribution to help us run activities like Brotherhood Breakfasts, movies, lectures, Bourbon & Bible and of course supporting youth activities and the Temple.

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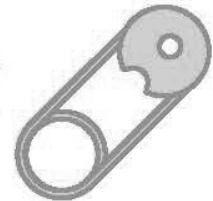
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TINR's Social Action Committee - April Collection



It's a Baby Shower!



Help collect items for local moms in need!

Donations from Kehillah and TINR families will benefit local families as part of the Carver Center and Junior League of Central Westchester's annual baby shower.

Items We Are Collecting:

- New or gently used maternity clothes
- New or gently used baby clothes
- New, unopened baby formula and baby food
- Diapers in all sizes
- New burp clothes and bibs
- New or gently used baby blankets
- New pacifiers and bottles
- New baby towels
- New or gently used infant toys
- Playmats
- Baby wipes

* We are NOT accepting car seats!

Please use the list when planning your donation. All items should be in clean, usable condition ready for immediate distribution.



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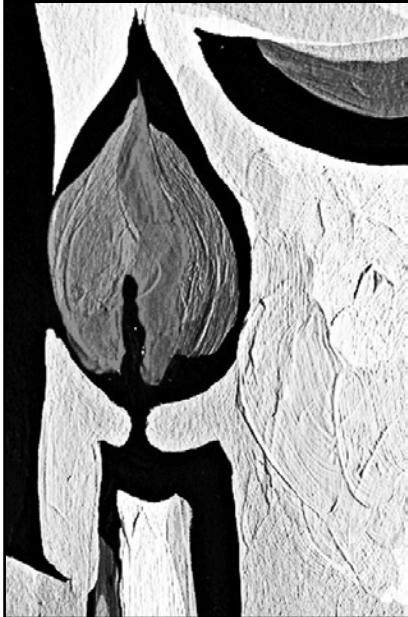
Questions? Contact:

Rebecca Halperin at rebeccahalperin@gmail.com
or Deborah Blatt at debblatt@yahoo.com



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Community Shabbat Service/Dinner



Friday, April 5, 2019

6:00 pm Service • 7:00 pm Dinner

All Invited! RSVP for Dinner!

Cost for dinner is \$25 per adult, \$8 per child (6-12),

Tots and Chavaya participants in K-6 are FREE.

Visit www.tinr.org/events to join us for dinner.

The cost will increase to \$30 per adult on Wednesday, March 6th.

Upcoming dates: May 17, June 7

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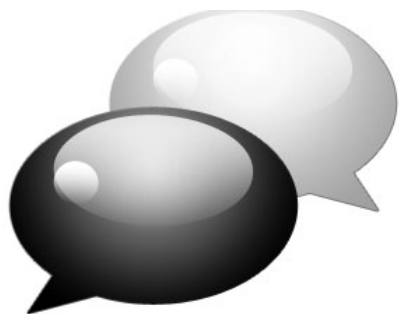
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Food for Thought Celebrate Passover

Wednesday, April 10, 2019 • 11:30 am

at Temple Israel of New Rochelle

Join Cantor Schloss as we explore the sounds, sights, smells and tastes of Passover.

We will sing songs, look at a variety of Haggadot and even share a recipe or two.
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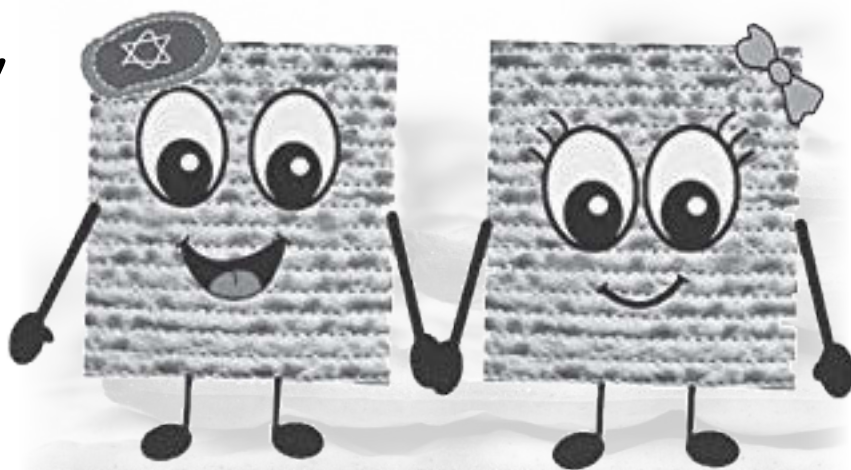
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End Passover with ...

Kol Shabbat Service & Dinner

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Cost for dinner is \$25 per adult, *and visit*
www.tinr.org/events to join us for dinner.

It will increase to \$30 per adult on Wednesday,
April 24th, and RSVPs will end on Thursday, April
25th at 5:00 pm.

The Temple Office is closed on Friday, April 26th.

Upcoming dates: May 31, June 21



Brotherhood

Breakfast & Discussion

The 43 Thousand Project: Documenting An Entire Lost Jewish Community of Lublin

With Guest Speaker: Olivier Szlos,

Sunday, April 28, 2019, 9:30 am
at Temple Israel of New Rochelle

The **Lublin 43 Thousand Project** refers to the estimated number of Jewish men, women, and children residing in the Polish city of Lublin in 1939 on the eve of the outbreak of World War 2. This project was created by the Lublin Polish organization "Grodzka Gate-NN Theatre."

This presentation will explore why and how the Grodzka Gate brings back and honors the memory of the 43 Thousand. Olivier Szlos is a Riverdale resident and a Paris native, and an occasional visitor at Temple Israel events and services. A fundraising professional, he has worked in the nonprofit sector for over 20 years helping several organizations such as the Museum of Jewish Heritage - A Living Memorial to the Holocaust. For over thirty years, he has been researching his family in France, in Poland and ten other countries. The majority of his family has Lublin origins. Olivier has visited and worked with Grodzka Gate in Lublin these past three years. He was 1 of 200 who attended a reunion of Shoah survivors, their families, and descendants of Lublin Jews organized by Grodzka Gate in 2017 in Lublin. He has visited Lubartow and Belzyce among his other ancestral family towns in the Lublin region. Throughout the years, he has worked with archives and institutions, and donated Szlos family papers to the Shoah Museum in Paris. He volunteers with the JRI-Poland Lubartow Town Project to raise money and help with indexing records. He was a presenter at the International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies 2018 in Warsaw, Poland.

Open to All! Join Us! FREE

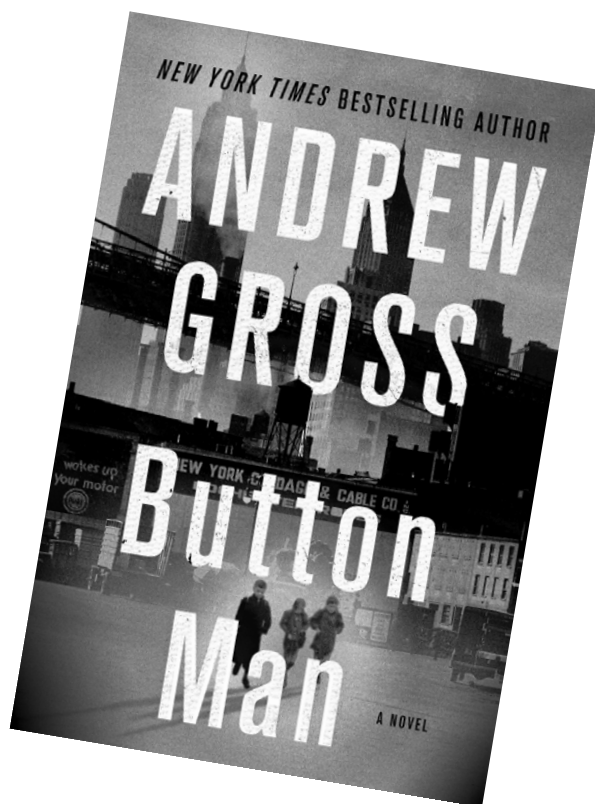
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The Temple Israel Sisterhood and Library Common Read Event

**Sisterhood & the
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are collaborating once again!**

Sunday, May 5, 2019 • 9:30 am

Start reading **Button Man** by Andrew Gross, about the history of the Jewish Mob in NYC in the 1930's. The author will be on hand to lead the discussion and sign copies of his book. Copies of "Button Man" are available for sale in the library at a discounted price of \$18.



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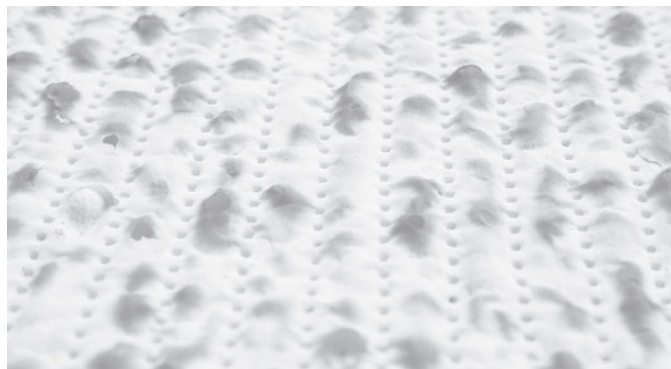
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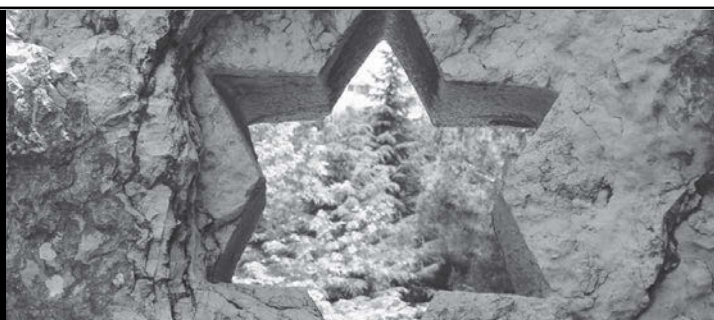
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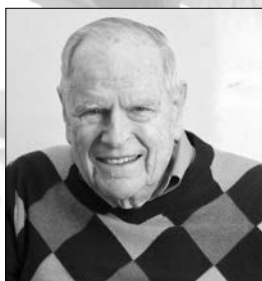


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